

GEORGIA BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2023 8:30 A.M.

The Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians met via teleconference/ZOOM on Wednesday, January 11, 2023. The Board's Executive Director hosted the meeting from the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Board Members Present:

Gloria Ethridge, Chair
Dave Meldrum
Glenn Morris
Angelic Moore, Consumer Member

Board Members Absent:

Amy Stowers, Vice-Chair

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director HC-1
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist
Sarah Collett, Licensing Analyst
Amanda Allen, Licensing Supervisor

Attorney General's Office Representative:

Alexis Cromartie, AAG

Visitors Present:

Brianna Cuenca, OTI
Brian Diener, OTI
Grant McClure, OTI

Ms. Ethridge, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with no additional items

Meeting Minutes:

- October 12, 2022 C.C. Board meeting
- November 30, 2022 C.C. Board Meeting

Recommendations:

Approve as presented
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Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Board Meeting minutes from the October 12, 2022 C.C. Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Board Meeting minutes from the November 30, 2022 C.C. Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 10/13/2022 - 1/10/2023

License No.	Licensee
LDO002939	An Thuy Giap
LDO002940	Nicole Marie Kowalski
LDO002941	Crystal Basa Navarrete
LDO002942	Jack Sage Metzger
LDO002943	Brenda Estefani Vincente
LDOA002339	Jonathan Anthony Shaffer
LDOA002340	Addison Grace Minervino
LDOA002341	Arabella C Krakue
LDOA002342	Abigail Taylor Smith

LDOA002343	Brandi Leigh Truett
LDOA002344	SuYeon Kim
LDOA002345	Jessica Sarah Chavez
LDOA002346	Pablo Coronado, Jr
LDOA002347	Tyneshia Kiera Trent
LDOA002348	Luz Clarita Beiza
LDOA002349	Rahnold Davis
LDOA002350	Tyler Shawn Harris
LDOA002351	Lannie Marie Norris
LDOA002352	Anna Maria Brignoni
LDOA002353	Melanie Johnson Robinson
LDOA002354	Caitlin Brook Bowling
LDOA002355	Mithesia Marshala Bryant
LDOA002356	Larena Zoi
LDOA002357	Jacqueline Brooke Black
LDOA002358	Giovanna Flowers Gondor
LDOA002359	Batya Monae Conner
LDOA002360	Harvis Jermaine Jenkins
LDOA002361	Anna Leah Watson
LDOA002362	Deana Pearl Waddell
LDOA002363	Aysa Nicole Perry
LDOA002364	Robert Dale Wilson
LDOA002365	Teresa Nguyen
LDOA002366	Shannon Lee Songer
LDOA002367	Aisha Charnelle Nieves
LDOA002368	Kay Charlene Gardiner
LDOA002369	Tonya R Wolfe
LDOA002370	Ebony Alexandria Gayle
LDOA002371	Evelyn Amayrani Valencia Garcia
LDOA002372	Jennifer Lynn Putlak
LDOA002373	Miguel Angel Barraza
LDOA002374	Heaven Leigh Addison
TOTAL:	41

Ms. Ethridge moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to approve the ratify listing of licenses issued between meetings administratively as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Optical Training Institute: Optician Development Program Overview Presentation: Dr. Brian Diener and Dr. Brianna Cuenca and Dr. Grant McClure presented an additional program overview and answered Board member questions for the Board to consider approval of their educational program pursuant to O.C.G.A. 43-29-7(d). The Board will review the course materials presented and table the final decision for the scheduled April 12, 2023 Board meeting.

Board Rules Discussion:

- Rule 420-9-.01. Continuing Education for License Renewals – *Tabled for additional review/discussion.*
- Rule 420-9-.02 Continuing Education Hours for New Licensees - *Tabled for additional review/discussion.*

Ms. Ethridge moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to enter Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), 43-1-2(k) (3) (4), 43-1-2(k) (4) and 50-14-4(b) to review applications, the AG report,

complaints, and prior meeting executive session minutes. Voting in favor of the motion were those Board members present Ethridge, Morris, Meldrum and Moore.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, Ms. Ethridge declared the meeting back into “open” session pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were obtained during the Executive Session.

Applications: *No applications presented during today’s meeting*

Cognizant/Enforcement Complaint Report:

- **Recommend Closure:** DISP230001
- **Pending Receipt/Board review of Investigative Report from Investigations:**
DISP220005/DISP220006, DISP220009/220010 (Companion Cases)
- **Pending Board Review:** DISP220008, DISP230002

Mr. Morris moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant Enforcement report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Attorney General’s Report:

Ms. Alexis Cromartie, AAG, provided a status and activity report to the Board for review and discussion.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Assistant Attorney General’s report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes:

- October 12, 2022 CC Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Morris, and the Board voted to approve the October 12, 2022 Conference Call Board Meeting Executive Session minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Ethridge moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Minute recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

GLORIA ETHRIDGE

Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director, HC1

Meeting minutes were approved **April 5, 2023**